

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u><b>June 01, 2022</b></u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u><b>2016-412-G</b></u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u><b>2022-393</b></u>

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**Order Granting Request to Suspend Its Statistical Meter Sample Plan**

**SUBJECT:**

[DOCKET NO. 2016-412-G](#) - Petition of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated (f/k/a South Carolina Electric & Gas Company) for Approval of Modified Meter Sampling Program - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Request for Indefinite Waiver of Sample Meter Testing Requirements Until Meter Supply from Manufacturers Improves to Pre-Pandemic Levels.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

On April 29, 2022, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated (DESC) requested indefinite suspension of its Statistical Meter Sample Plan (Plan) due to a sharp reduction in its natural gas meter inventory as a result of shortages and delays in delivery of critical materials and components. First, aluminum, a key material in the manufacture of meters is in short supply. Second, Dominion has experienced a shortage of regulators, the device that lowers the pressure of the natural gas as it enters the customers' premises, which has required Dominion Company to dedicate time and effort to refurbish existing meter loops to meet field demands. Finally, there is a substantial shortage of computer chips used in the encoder receiver transmitters, or ERTs, that transmit natural gas usage data for automated meter reading. The request to suspend the sampling plan is being made to help ensure that gas meters are available for new gas customers of the company.

I move that the Commission grant the request of Dominion Energy South Carolina to suspend its Statistical Meter Sample Plan through January 31, 2023 due to the recognition and assertion by Dominion of shortages and delays in the delivery of critical materials and components for natural gas meters. While we recognize the supply chain difficulties and shortages faced by Dominion, the Commission must balance the interests of the public, especially the natural gas customers of Dominion in this matter. We ask Dominion to keep the Commission updated on the status of this matter and provide an update no later than January 3, 2023. If needed, Dominion can make a subsequent request for suspension. Upon a review by ORS, we ask that ORS file comments with the Commission. The Commission can take further action as needed in this matter.

PRESIDING:  
Belser

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via WebEx

POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
THOMAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>
C. WILLIAMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
J. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>

Present in Hearing Room

Annual Leave

Voting via WebEx

Military Leave

RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

